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MEMORANDUM FOR LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL:

SUBJECT: Explanatory Note on NSCID 6.

Attached herewith is a proposed Explanatory Note on NSCID 6 re telephone conversations with SPINT Staff on this subject.

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CIA SIGINT Officer

**Enclosure:
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NOTE

1. **NSCID 6** defines **COMINT** and **COMINT** Activities, **ELINT** and **ELINT** Activities, and specifies the responsibilities of **USIB**, the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the National Security Agency, and the Director of Central Intelligence.

2. **USIB**. **USIB** responsibilities in **COMINT** and **ELINT** matters are contained in both **NSCID 1** and **NSCID 6**. The first includes responsibility for establishing intelligence objectives, requirements and priorities. **NSCID 6** covers responsibility for determining the security to be given **COMINT** activities and **ELINT** activities through the protection of information about them or derived from them. **DCID 6/3** is the implementing **COMINT** directive. It establishes principles and procedures for the use and dissemination of **COMINT**; personnel and physical security affecting **COMINT**; and procedures for **COMINT** liaison with foreign governments. **DCIDs 6/20** and **6/22** control, respectively, the conduct of **ELINT** liaison with [REDACTED] and **ELINT** liaison with other foreign governments. **DCID 6/21** covers the release to foreign governments of U.S. **ELINT** information or materials and support to be used for **ELINT** activities, excluding the release of U.S. intelligence based on **ELINT** or **ELINT** end product.

3. The Secretary of Defense is designated the executive agent of the Government for the conduct of **COMINT** and **ELINT** activities and for the maintenance and operation of the National Security Agency (**NSA**).

4. The Military Departments are responsible for the establishment and operation of the **COMINT** and **ELINT** intercept and processing facilities as authorized and directed by the Secretary of Defense.

5. The National Security Agency is charged with providing unified organization and control of the **COMINT** and the **ELINT** intercept and processing activities of the United States, and with producing **COMINT** and **ELINT** information in accordance with objectives, requirements and priorities established by the U.S. Intelligence Board.

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NSA is specifically enjoined from producing and disseminating "finished intelligence" as distinguished from "intelligence information."

6. The Director of Central Intelligence, with the technical advice and assistance of the Director, NSA, is designated the executive agent of the Government for COMINT and ELINT arrangements with intelligence services of all foreign governments except [REDACTED] where Director, NSA is the responsible agent, in general consultation with the DCI.

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7. Intercept and processing activities undertaken in connection with U.S. espionage and counterintelligence activities abroad (NSCID 5), whether by the Central Intelligence Agency or by the military departments, are not subject to NSA organization and control when specifically so excepted by the DCI. Material which may be collected as a result of such activities and which would otherwise be considered COMINT or ELINT will be passed to NSA as soon as special security requirements of the collector have been satisfied.